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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY YEAR



The Book Voyage

Blank books traveling throughout the world providing opportunities for adult learners to fill them with writings and drawings — this is the Book Voyage, a worldwide project sponsored by the International Task Force on Literacy for International Literacy Year, 1990.

In Canada the Book Voyage is being organized by the Movement for Canadian Literacy which initiated 12 books — one for each province and territory — in a ceremony on Parliament Hill on Jan. 25. Twelve learners were presented with blank books to take back to their own regions, where students throughout the province or territory may contribute. At the end of 1990, MCL will produce a Canadian Learner's Book composed of regional selections, and compile a representative sample of contributions for the International Learner's Book which will be presented to the United Nation Headquarters in New York on Dec. 10, 1990.

The B.C. Book Launch ceremony was held at Vancouver's Carnegie Centre on February 15, where Larry Loyie, who travelled to Ottawa to receive the book, first attended classes upon returning to school.

The event, organized by MCL-B.C. representatives Mardi Joyce and Joyce Cameron, was designed to be centred on

the students. Approximately 150 people attended, the majority of whom were students. Dr. Paul Gallagher, chairperson of the Provincial Literacy Advisory Committee, spoke first, then Loyie presented the book to Wayne Kingston of A.L.L.O.W., a Nanaimo learners' group, who accepted it on behalf of B.C. students. Kingston delivered a powerful and moving speech on his own experiences with illiteracy and read his contribution to the book. Students Heather Albanese and Brenda Pickard also spoke eloquently about their own experiences learning to read and write.

The rest of the ceremony was devoted to students reading their own submissions for the book. 22 students from the Lower Mainland read or had someone read for them. The writings included descriptions of childhood, experiences as a non-reader and learning to read, humorous short stories, and social commentary. Readers signed the book as they submitted their writings, and were given an International Literacy Year pin and a copy of the title page of the B.C. book.

The ceremony was followed by a buffet lunch catered by the Carnegie Centre and funded by the Literacy Awareness Campaign.

Route of the BC Book Voyage

Region	Lialson	Address	Region	Lialson	Address
CAMOSUN Apr. 29-May 9	Linda Mitchell 388-4721	Project Literacy Victoria c/o R.E.A.D. Society 720 Linden Avenue Victoria, B.C. V8V 4G7	NORTH ISLAND May 9-May 19	Anne Lindsay 334-8930	North Island College, Comox Valley Centre 407 5th Street Courtenay, B.C. V9N 1J7
CAPILANO Feb. 14-Feb 28	Judy Rose 984-4971	Capilano College 2055 Purcell Way North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 3H5	NORTHERN LIGHTS Sept. 17-Oct 7	Pat Walker 785-6981	Northern Lights College Fort St. John Campus 10908 100th Street Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 3Z7
CARIBOO Mar. 20-Mar 30	Kathy Mitchell 828-5000	Cariboo College P.O. Box 3010 Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5N3	NORTHWEST June 11-June 18	Not yet confirmed	
C.N.C. Sept. 1-Sept.17 (not confirmed)	Susan Hatfield 564-1511	School District #57 Continuing Education 1894 - 9th Avenue Prince George, B.C. V2M 1L7	OKANAGAN Apr. 9-Apr 19	Anne Carson 762-2800	Project Literacy Kelowna PO Box 1886 Station A Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 8P2
DOUGLAS Feb. 28-Mar 10	Jan Benge 527-5416	Douglas College P.O. Box 2503 New Westminster, B.C. V3L 5B2	SELKIRK Mar. 10-Mar 20	Wendy Tagami 359-7564	Selkirk College P.O. Box 75 Crescent Valley, B.C. VOG 1H0
EAST KOOTENAY May 29-June 11	Mary Shier 423-4691	East Kootenay Community College P.O. Box 1770 Fernie, B.C. V0B 1M0	V.C.C.	Not yet confirmed	
FRASER VALLEY Mar. 30-Apr 9	Wendy Watson (toll free) 533-3261 853-7441	Project Literacy Abbotsford Fraser Valley College 33844 King Road, RR2 Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 4N2	The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. We provide information and encouragement by phone to adults who want to upgrade their skills through adult basic education. Our toll-free number for learners outside the lower mainland is: 1-800-663-1293		
KWANTLEN May 19-May 29	Mark McCue 584-5424	Invergarry Learning Ctr. 14525 - 110A Avenue Surrey, B.C. V3R 2B4			
MALASPINA Apr. 19-Apr 29	Linda Perkins 248-2096	Project Literacy Parksville PO Box 42 Parksville, B.C. V0R 0F0			

IRA Conference: "Tackling the Problem Together"

A group of educators and literacy practitioners from the Lower Mainland took part in the International Reading Association's North American Conference on Adult and Adolescent Literacy in Washington, D.C. from January 12-14. The theme of the Conference, which attracted more than 600 participants, was "Tackling the Problem Together." Conference goers were offered a variety of sessions, cosponsored meetings, workshops, symposiums, and panel discussions.

Vancouver participants were Dr. Florence Pieronek, Associate Professor of Language Education, and Dr. Harold Ratzlaff, Director of Graduate Studies, both of U.B.C; Dr. Dennis Wright of Capilano College; Shirley Abrams, workplace literacy consultant; Lee Weinstein, Vice-Principal, Invergarry Learning Centre, Surrey; and Barbara Bate and Wendy Watson, of Fraser Valley College. Dr.'s Pieronek, Ratzlaff, and Wright were co-presenters of a paper at the Conference called; "Adult Literacy in Canada: what do we know about teaching different adult groups?"

"I was very pleased with the conference because it focused on workplace literacy," says Dr. Pieronek. "I was also pleased to discover that there are many workplace programs in place in partnership with universities and colleges, trade unions, and business."

Dr. Pieronek, who said she attended at least ten sessions over the three-day conference, said one thing she learned about workplace programs from them was that, "it takes time to get them running smoothly, to get the workers involved and establish rapport."

Barbara Bate, who coordinates a volunteer tutor program for the Chilliwack area and teaches two on-campus classes at the fundamental level, had high praise for the Vancouver presenters' workshop.

"I will definitely be making changes in the structure of my tutoring program next year as a result of this workshop," she said. She also cited a session on psycho-linguistic reading theory given by Washington State educator Dolores Tadlock (Yakima Community College) which particularly impressed her.

"The theory is based on the student working alone with tape and text," she explained. "The student listens to the tape alone, reads with it alone, and therefore has total control of the learning process. When they are ready to share, they do." In this way the process of reading for pleasure and information is not interrupted. "Non-readers can't read because their brain hasn't received the required training," said Ms. Bate. "The process is between print and audio, and the trainer kicks in later. The threat of an audience, of an examiner, during the initial learning experience is removed."

Lee Weinstein took part in a presentation on writing-based instruction in literacy.

"What came across at the conference for me is that Canadian literacy programs are perceived by Americans as better funded, more progressive, and more learner-based than U.S. programs," he said.

Message from the Contact Centre

Many of our ALCC newsletter readers have told us that they have often intended to send us announcements or news, but have been too busy to prepare a written submission or to phone our office in time for publication. To keep from losing these chances to mention newsworthy items, we are now employing the journalism background of ALCC staff member Nancy Richardson. When we hear of events of interest to our readers Nancy will conduct interviews to report on the news as she has done with several items in this issue.

Of course we can't anticipate everything we would like to publish. If you have something to share with our readers relating to literacy and adult basic education and you have not heard from Nancy, please try to phone or write to us. We welcome your news.

We wish to express our thanks to those who participated in the "Stanley and Iris" benefit for the Contact Centre on February 8. (See story on Page 8). It was a pleasure to spend an evening devoted to literacy with such a wide range of community members: representatives from business, labour, and government as well as educators and students.

All of the proceeds from the benefit are to be used as a fund for the B.C. Book Voyage. The Contact Centre is pleased to be able to provide this support to the Book Voyage, which promises to be one of the most meaningful events of International Literacy Year.

Reading the Signs

Reading the Signs, the musical play about literacy developed by World Literacy Canada and (Toronto's) Young People's Theater to commemorate International Literacy Year, is currently on the B.C. leg of its national tour.

The play, written by Jim Betts (including original songs) will be hosted by community groups to stimulate fundraising and awareness activities, encourage local support for literacy programs and speak to potential learners about the

importance of joining a literacy program. The national tour, known as the "Developing Freedom Literacy Play Tour," also includes the distribution of educational support kits to the host groups and high schools, and the participation of an outreach educator.

The show is directed by Joel Greenberg, with set design by John Pennoyer and musical direction from Stephen Woodjett.

Reading the Signs: Schedule of Performances in British Columbia

Date	Location	Co-Host	Contact				
March				29	Kamloops	Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. Annual Conference & General Meeting	James Bray (828-5284)
17	Fernie	East Kootenay Community College	Mary Shier (423-4691)	30	Chilliwack	Fraser Valley College	Barb Bate (792-0025)
19	Cranbrook	East Kootenay Community College	Don Craft (489-2751)	31	Abbotsford	Fraser Valley College	Wendy Watson (853-7441)
20	Nelson	Selkirk College	Catherine Schnare (352-6601 ext. 247)	April			
22	Penticton	Okanagan College	Nancy Noble-Hearle Elaine Smith (492-4305)	2-5	Vancouver	Carousel Theater (Matinees)	Elizabeth Ball (669-3410)
23	Kelowna	Okanagan Regional Library	Cheryl Kees (860-4033)	5-7	Vancouver	Carousel Theater (evening performances)	Elizabeth Ball (669-3410)
26	Revelstoke	Okanagan College (matinee performance only)	Lori Milmine (837-2173)	9	Surrey	Project Literacy Surrey	Jay Knight (588-4433)
26	Vernon	Vernon Disabilities Association	Lloyd Mitchell (545-7291)	10	Victoria	Project Lit. Victoria	Linda Mitchell (388-4721)
27	Salmon Arm	Okanagan College	Jan Sawyer (832-2126)	11	Duncan	Malaspina College	Carrie Nelson Paul Convey (748-2591)
28	Kamloops	Caraboo College	James Bray (828-5284)	12	Nanaimo	Malaspina College Project Lit. Nanaimo	Lynn Hunter (753-3245)
				13	Courtenay	(tentative)	

The Knowledge Network Airs Literacy Programs

B.C.'s Knowledge Network has announced a 1990 Literacy Series of television programming. The ten, 30-minute programs will run on consecutive Monday nights (8:00 p.m.) from Feb. 26 through April 30. In this series, functionally illiterate men, women and young people speak for themselves, revealing that, though articulate and competent, they simply have difficulty reading and writing. Throughout the programs, examples of available learning opportunities are shown, to provide motivation to the more than 95% of illiterate adults who may fear coming forward. The series also provides information from literacy practitioners to illustrate how interested adults can help other adults. The ALCC phone numbers, both local and toll free, are broadcast at the end of each program. The schedule for the rest of the series is as follows:

March 12 Somebody Called Ernestine

March 19 If I Had the Words

March 26 Once More with Meaning

April 2 Beat the Street

April 9 Lifeline to Literacy

April 16 Double Jeopardy

April 23 Don't Pass Us By

April 30 Illiteracy: The Challenge Part 1, The Problem; and Invergarry, Not Just Another School

Literacy in the Workplace

The Workplace Liaison Forum, which was to have taken place at the Robson Square Conference Centre on February 15 was rescheduled to Thursday, March 8. Sponsored by the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C., the topic of the forum was the Basic Skills Upgrading Program at the Royal Columbian Hospital (New Westminster), a highly successful program designed to combat illiteracy

in the workplace. The panel of speakers included representatives from government, the Hospital Employee's Union and Douglas College. The event was organized by Workplace Liaison Chairpersons Shirley Abrams and Florence Pieronek.

French Literacy Program to Begin in May

Rachel Poirier, of Vancouver's Educacentre, a learning centre for the francophone community, currently being organized under the 1990-91 cost-shared program is looking for volunteers to help staff the centre once it is established in mid-May. Ms. Poirier requests that other learning centers and members of the literacy community direct potential francophone learners to the centre:

Educacentre
#101 - 1754 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C.
V6J 1Y1
Phone: 736-3420

Networks 90 Conference Held in Dawson Creek

Approximately 25 people turned out in Dawson Creek recently with the aim of forming a Project Literacy group in the region. The workshop was part of a Conference called "Networks 90" held at Dawson Creek's Northern Lights College on March 2. Mary Alice Johnson of Literacy B.C., who attended the workshop at the George Dawson Inn along with representatives of the local Native Friendship Centre, the Ministry of Social Services and Housing and the College, reports that the workshop generated "a lot of interest."

Classics for Kids

Every Saturday between March 10 and April 28 the Campbell's Soup Company and Cineplex Odeon present "Classics for Kids", a series of free screenings of children's movie classics (upon presentation of three Campbell's soup labels) at participating theaters in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. A special "guest reader" will introduce each film. The list of classics includes:

Black Beauty	March 10
National Velvet	March 17
The Black Stallion	March 24
The Little Prince	March 31
Tom Thumb	April 7
Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory	April 14
Who Has Seen	
The Wind	April 21
The Wizard of Oz	April 28

Participating theaters are (Lower Mainland): Station Square, Park & Tilford, Granville, Oakridge, Scott, Coquitlam, Clearbrook. (Victoria): Cineplex Odeon.

Showtimes are 10:00 a.m. and noon. For further information, contact Susan Johnston (254-2400) or Kirsten Pick (872-0689) of R.E.A.D. Canada.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please let us know by calling the centre.

LITERACY B.C. UPDATE

PL ABBOTSFORD-MATSQUI

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In conjunction with the play "Reading the Signs" on March 31, PL Abbotsford-Matsqui is sponsoring a learner conference entitled "Stepping Stones".

FORT ST. JOHN LITERACY SOCIETY

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This newly formed group met with Mary Alice Johnson of Literacy B.C. on March 1 and, with help from the Provincial Literacy Awareness Campaign, plans to initiate an advertising campaign to reach employers and new learners. "The problem in the north is how to cover such a large area," says Romi Haseo, librarian and founding member, "The need is here. Illiteracy is a big problem." The Society plans to coordinate its efforts with Northern Lights College and the local library, which is ordering literacy materials to assist in volunteer tutor and training programs. Haseo notes that the current name of the Society is tentative and may be changed after further discussion. The next scheduled meeting is March 22nd.

FRASER VALLEY EAST LITERACY ASSOCIATION

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"Reading The Signs" has been booked into the Chilliwack Senior Secondary School gymnasium Friday, March 30. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for

students and are available at three outlets:

Fraser Valley College (Ph. 792-0025)
Chilliwack Community Services (Ph. 792-4267)
Fraser Valley Regional Library (Ph. 792-1941)

The play starts at 7:30 p.m. The Association met on March 13; regularly scheduled meetings will now be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

PL GREATER VANCOUVER

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The next PLGV meeting is on Friday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the King Edward Campus, Vancouver Community College, 1155 E. Broadway, Vancouver. There will be a presentation by Peg Beaton, Executive Director of the Vancouver Association for Learning Disabilities, on "Literacy and Learning Disabilities." The presentation will include an overview of the connection between literacy and learning disabilities and advice on how to recognize a learning disabled person.

PL KELOWNA

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PL KITIMAT

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One hundred or more of the approximately 300 businesses in Kitimat will

soon be designating themselves "reader-friendly," thanks to a unique logo project initiated by the local PL group. The project incorporates the international literacy symbol on a card, to be distributed through the Chamber of Commerce, which stores are encouraged to display in their windows. A second project underway is production of an ILY bookmark, featuring the words "I can read" in the five ILY official languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian, and Chinese). 2000 of the 8" x 2" bookmarks are being printed. Both projects have received publicity in the local media, including a video by a Kitimat television station.

The group's tutor training sessions held throughout January and February have produced 17 tutors (four of them teachers) who are ready to be matched with students for their first sessions. More learners are joining daily. PL meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

NANAIMO LITERACY ASSOCIATION

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Incorporated as a society last month, the Nanaimo Literacy Association is now known as "Literacy Nanaimo." Eleven persons were elected to the new Board of Directors, with Carolyn McWhinnie, President, and Inger Weber, volunteer tutor coordinator at Malaspina College, Secretary. The group recently handed out "about 500" brochures outlining Literacy Nanaimo's goals during the February run of "Stanley and Iris" at the local theatre. "Reading the Signs" has been booked into the Malaspina College Theatre for two performances on April 12, the afternoon show targeted to school districts, and the evening performance open to the public. Tickets will be available soon in shopping malls and other locations. The group plans to publicize the event on Nanaimo radio programs.

LITERACY B.C. UPDATE

"Literacy Nanaimo's goal is to develop a coalition which includes representatives from A.L.L.O.W., ABE/Malaspina College, the Nanaimo School District and interested members of the community working together to raise awareness," says McWhinnie.

PL PARKSVILLE

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PL PRINCE GEORGE

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Prince George B.C. V2M 1L7
Phone: 564-1511 (loc. 446)

PL PRINCE RUPERT

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PL SUNSHINE COAST

Contact: Diane Evans
c/o Community Services
Volunteer Action Centre
Box 1069
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0
Phone: 885-5881

PL SURREY

Contact: Bev Yaworski,
Surrey Public Library
Phone: 591-4312; or
Ene Haabnit,
Newton Public Library
Phone: 596-7401

The performance of "Reading the Signs"

on April 9 at the Clova Theatre in Cloverdale will be free of charge. Organizations are encouraged to promote this event through their networks and/or newsletters. For information contact Bev Yaworski. The group sponsored a free workshop called "Learn About Literacy" March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Seaquam Secondary School.

PL TERRACE

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PL Terrace is currently working on its initial goal, seeking funding for a renewed tutor training program, in cooperation with community agencies and Northwest Community College. It also hopes to have a downtown learning centre operating by September. The group, which is in the process of forming a Society, sent several delegates to the Literacy B.C. founding meeting.

PL VICTORIA

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PL Victoria and R.E.A.D. have organized a performance of "Reading the Signs" at Victoria's Belfry Theatre for Tuesday, April 10. There will be two shows - 2:00 p.m. (for high school students) and 7:30 p.m. for a general audience. For information on tickets, contact Linda Mitchell or the Belfry Theatre (385-6815). The group also organized a block booking of the literacy movie "Stanley and Iris" at the Cineplex Odeon on Feb. 28. The event was well attended by learners, tutors and interested members of the community. Beginning March 10, PL Victoria will be

cooperating with R.E.A.D. Canada and the Cineplex Odeon in the "Classics for Kids" series of movie screenings. (See schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The public meeting on February 19 hosted a presentation by the Learner's Network (a project of PL Victoria) and Project H.E.A.L. - H.I. - the Sooke Adult Learning hearing impaired program - at Camosun College. The event featured the program's director, Karen Taylor, who is profoundly hearing impaired, as guest speaker. PL Victoria also recently participated in a board development workshop to develop strategic planning, sponsored by the United Way of Greater Vancouver.

PL WILLIAMS LAKE

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Williams Lake, B.C., V2G 2V6
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The society has organized a Promotional Day for Saturday, March 31, sponsored by the Williams Lake Overwaitea store. Overwaitea will donate part of its book sales for the day, as PL volunteers staff the book department to answer questions and distribute the society's brochure. Publicity for the event, by the Williams Lake Tribune, will feature a full page advertisement outlining the aims of the literacy movement.

The group also hosted a one-day workshop on "Adults with Learning Disabilities" on March 16 at Cariboo College. The day long seminar featured Dr. Dennis Wright as keynote speaker. For more information call 392-6202.

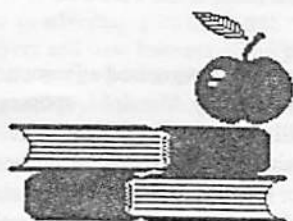
Tutor training sessions are expected to start in April. DeMare reports that radio advertising for the volunteer/tutor program, obtained through the Provincial Literacy Awareness Campaign, was "extremely successful," and she received several calls from smaller communities outside the Williams Lake area.

"Stanley and Iris" Benefit

The Vancouver Sun and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer co-sponsored the Vancouver premiere on February 8 of the MGM film, "Stanley and Iris" as a benefit for the Adult Literacy Contact Centre. A reception, provided by the Provincial Literacy Awareness Campaign, was held prior to the movie at the Delta Place Hotel. Speeches on adult illiteracy were given by Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell; Editor in Chief of the Vancouver Sun, Nicholas Hills; and President of Vancouver Community College, Dr. Paul Gallagher.

Approximately 250 people participated in the combined reception and premiere, raising over \$3,000.00 in proceeds.

In the movie, which stars Jane Fonda and Robert DeNiro, Iris teaches fellow factory worker Stanley how to read.



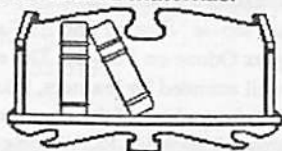
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Adult Basic Education Day Focuses on Special Needs

The requirements of disadvantaged and special needs students were the focus of an "Adult Basic Education Day" sponsored by the ABE division of Vancouver Community College at the King Edward Campus auditorium on Friday, March 16. The event, organized by Pat Rose, of the college's program for visually impaired adults, featured Dr. John Dennison of U.B.C. as keynote speaker on the topic, "Trends in community colleges for serving disadvantaged learners." A morning panel on improving accessibility for disadvantaged students to K.E.C., moderated by Betty Nobel, Division Chair, ABE, included presenters John Turvey, Coordinator, Downtown Eastside Youth Project; Patricia Tiechert, Native Indian home/school worker with the Vancouver School Board; Paulette Maglaque, Basic Education Department head; Donna Barecca, Counselling Department, K.E.C.; single parent Jane Vartanis; and ABE student Shannon Hofman.

The afternoon panel on improving accessibility for special needs students presented Nancy Barr, of the I.E.P.A. (Individualized Education Program for Adults), K.E.C.; Leann Vlug, instructor, Hearing-Impaired program; Paul Jones, Special Needs Counsellor, Capilano College; Linda Evans, Rehab teacher, CNIB; and Jacquie Sinclair, a visually impaired student. The panel was followed by a selection of video presentations, including "MARKS ON PAPER", and "ILLITERACY: THE CHALLENGE." The display area featured a selection of curriculum development and other related materials.



Library Workshops in the Kootenays

Thirty five people representing the west Kootenay region of B.C. turned out on Saturday, Feb 17 to the Castlegar Public Library for a one day workshop aimed at establishing a Chapter of Literacy B.C. in the West Kootenays and laying the groundwork for a volunteer tutor program. Organized by the West Kootenay Library Association and the Provincial Literacy Awareness Campaign, the workshop attracted delegates from school boards, church groups, immigrant services and multicultural societies, public libraries and library boards. Thomas Quigley, who has participated in several such workshops throughout B.C., represented the Vancouver Public Library, Mary Alice Johnson the Literacy B.C. Coalition, and John Vanderkaay the Literacy Awareness Campaign. Literacy B.C. West Kootenay is currently preparing a proposal for a 1990-91 cost-shared program.

Eight people attended a similar workshop the following day at the Cranbrook Public Library. Representatives from East Kootenay Community College, the Cranbrook Public Library board, and interested adult learners and community members participated in plans to form a Literacy B.C. chapter in the region. For more information, contact Don Craft of the ABE Department, East Kootenay Community College (489-2751) or the Cranbrook Public Library.

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